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Response to Office Action

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The applicant respectfully responds to the office action dated October 6, 2006.

Claims 7 - 11 are pending. Claims 10 - 11 have been allowed, claim 7 has been rejected based on newly-discovered prior art, and claims 8 and 9 have been found to be objectionable because they depend on rejected claim 7.

In response to this office action, the applicant has amended claim 7 so that it contains the limitation added by claim 8, namely the limitation "wherein said bolt is a U-bolt." Thus, claim 7 is now allowable, because it contains the limitations of claim 8, and the examiner has found that claim 8 would be allowable, except for its dependence on claim 7. Claim 9 is now allowable because it depends on allowable claim 7. Claim 8 has been cancelled.

The applicant has also changed "aperture" to "apertures" in claim 7, in response this examiner's objection.

Thus, all claims are now ready for allowance.

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